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Young Burglars Nabbed

Geo. Demler and "Jocko" Badura Held to October Grand Jury.

Charged With Burglarizing Home of Len Parker Last November—Parents Held on Charge of Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property.

The identity of perpetrators of burglaries committed last November has just come to the knowledge of the local police and as a result George Demler and "Jocko" Badura are held in jail in default of \$1,000 bonds, pending the action of the October grand jury. In addition to these arrests Mrs. Julia Badura, mother of "Jocko," and Mrs. Nancy Demler and Edith Demler, mother and sister respectively, of Geo. Demler, were held to the grand jury by Judge Graham, in bonds of \$200 on the charge of receiving and concealing stolen property when the same was known to have been stolen.

The history of the case dates back to the middle of last November. While Mr. and Mrs. Len Parker, who are theatrical people, and live southwest of the village near W. S. Bryan's, were absent from home on a tour, their residence was broken into and a quantity of stage costumes, clothing and other articles, valued at over one hundred dollars were stolen. No trace at that time was discovered of the thieves. The supposition was that traps were responsible for the work. Mr. Parker kept his own counsel and awaited developments. They unraveled with a vengeance last week.

While walking down the street last Friday Mrs. Parker was dumfounded to meet Edith Demler wearing one of the identical costumes stolen. She said nothing at the time but later informed her husband, who swore out a search warrant before Judge Graham and Saturday the girl and her mother were arrested. They professed to be ignorant of any knowledge of stolen property. Clothing identified by Mr. Parker was, however, found in their home and the girl was locked up. She remained in jail Saturday and under the stress of confinement in the not-too-pleasant quarters in the village hall, made a confession to Officer White Sunday, implicating her brother and "Jocko" Badura. They were arrested on the charge of burglary and the girl was released on bonds for \$200 signed by Jake Kline and Frank Prentiss. Armed with a search warrant Officers Hoffert and White and States Attorney Stuser searched the Badura premises at East Grove Sunday and recovered more of stolen clothing and other articles which had been buried in the garden by "Jocko" and his mother on learning of the Demler girl's arrest.

At the hearing Monday morning both boys plead guilty to the charges and Judge Graham held them in bonds of \$1,000 each to the October grand jury. Monday evening Mrs. Julia Badura and Mrs. Nancy Demler and Edith Demler were brought into court on warrants charging them with receiving and concealing stolen property when the same was known to have been stolen. States Attorney Stuser prosecuted the cases and at the examination stated that it was his intention to run down and send to the penitentiary every member of the gang of thieves who have been implicated in this and various other robberies which have or which may hereafter occur in the village. "I am going to clean out this gang," he said, "and I want the court to hold these people in good bonds—bonds which the signers must expect to pay in case of default of any of the defendants to appear when cited."

Judge Graham held each of the women in bonds of \$200. Albert Demler signed the bonds of his wife and daughter and Mrs. Badura was released on her own recognizance. The boys were unable to furnish bonds and were taken to the county jail at Wheaton yesterday.

These arrests are the culmination of a series of petty robberies which have occurred in Downers Grove for several years and believed to be the work of a gang of young toughs of whom Badura and Demler are the ringleaders. Both of these boys have been arrested on previous occasions on various charges but heretofore have escaped with a light fine. Both bear hard reputations and have bad records. The chances are that both will visit the penitentiary for the present offense. In the meantime developments implicating other village youths are promised.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, holds regular Sunday services at the Masonic hall at 10:45. Subject for June 28 God. Sunday school for the children at noon. This church holds regular Wednesday evening testimonial meetings at 8 p. m. in Masonic hall. Reading room for the benefit of the public open every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock at 102 Gilbert avenue. All are cordially invited.

WOODMEN ADOPT READJUSTMENT PLAN.

New Method will be Known as Iowa Plan—Orders Income to be Increased.

From the head camp meeting of Modern Woodmen at Indianapolis, Ind., has come a plan for readjustment of its insurance rates that ought to meet the approval of the Woodmen membership who investigate the plan adopted and compare it with the rates of other assessment insurance orders.

The Woodmen's new rates are no where as radical as many anticipated they would be. In fact an inspection of them will show that they are reasonably moderate and based more on equitable lines of what the proper rates should be in order to perpetuate the order and give it an assurance of lasting many years to come.

The plan adopted by the Indianapolis head camp was in the nature of a compromise measure and its author is a resident of Iowa, and, in a nutshell, the schedule provides for an increase in the old rates ranging from from about 35 per cent on the younger members to as much as 90 per cent on members up to the 45th year limit of admission to the insurance department of the organization.

"The Iowa plan" rates, to go into effect as soon as it is possible to make the change, are as follows:

Age	\$1000	\$2000	\$3000
18 to 25 years	\$ 50	\$1 00	\$1 50
26 to 31 years	60	1 20	1 80
32 to 37 years	75	1 50	2 10
38 to 43 years	90	1 80	2 40
44 to 49 years	110	2 10	2 70
50 to 55 years	130	2 40	3 00
56 to 61 years	150	2 70	3 30
62 to 67 years	175	3 00	3 60
68 to 73 years	200	3 30	3 90
74 to 79 years	225	3 60	4 20
80 to 85 years	250	3 90	4 50
86 to 91 years	275	4 20	4 80
92 to 97 years	300	4 50	5 10
98 to 100 years	325	4 80	5 40

Hart and other sponsors of the plan estimate that the new schedule will decrease the number of assessments a year, but on the present number of eleven or twelve assessments a year, would increase the income of the organization \$2,000,000 a year. Every member will pay assessments determined by his age at the date of his certificate.

In our judgement it will be best for the membership to continue in the order; to pay their assessments which, even under the new rates, are not exorbitant as compared with other assessment insurance orders. The slight advance in rates you will not realize at the end of a year, while you are more assured than ever of the stability of the order and its certainty to pay your beneficiary at your death. When the circumstances are all investigated and the welfare of your family taken into account we believe very few will decide to abandon the order of Woodmen, but that they will stay by it as they did thirteen years ago when it successfully passed through a great crisis. What is needed now is faith in the order and with a resolute purpose to stand by the new plan we will all go on and marshal under our banner many thousands of new members who will affiliate with us because we will go on a firmer and more substantial basis—one that will more nearly perpetuate the order for many years to come.

TOO MANY KNOCKERS.

In a communication to the REPORTER E. H. Price inquires the reason for the non-progression of Downers Grove and gives his views of the cause therefore, that too many knockers are continually seeking an opportunity to give the village a push downward. He says: "Why is it that Downers Grove does not come to the front? Why is it that every one who pays us a visit never returns? Why is it that in Chicago's suburbs houses are in such good demand at good prices and new ones going up? Certainly none of them are better located, have finer accommodations, or have as many of nature's best gifts as Downers Grove. Have asked this question of myself and tried hard to find an answer. Think I have one of the answers. The citizens of Downers Grove seldom ever speak a good word for the village. When a stranger makes an inquiry he gets nothing but disparaging and discouraging comments on every feature of our village. It is a general "knock." Every one seems to have their little hammer out and using it vigorously, not at anyone or anything in particular, but at everyone and every thing. Why not throw a little enthusiasm into our conversation and help the stranger to enthuse? Make him a welcome visitor, let him see that we are going to the front and if not, that we at least have confidence in the future of our home. A little unanimity of confidence will change our vision and bring about that which, I believe, we all desire, more people and more improvements. If you cannot spend your money to improve the town, encourage others to do so."

The meat markets will be closed Saturday, July 4, at ten o'clock, and will be opened Sunday morning from seven until ten, but no delivery will be made Sunday. L. Klein, A. H. Marshall.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

Fire works at Rang's. White Rose gasoline, Naah's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best oil in town at Curtis & Heartt's. Wanted—Two painters. Enquire of R. D. Parker.

Mrs. Caskey from Englewood visited here last Saturday. The REPORTER office will be closed all day Saturday, July 4.

The Fourth of July picnic at Downers field has been called off. Henry W. Blodgett of Waukegan, was here Sunday visiting friends.

The Misses Bents entertained a party of young friends Saturday evening. County Surveyor Wilson was here the fore part of the week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Winchester entertained visitors from abroad over Sunday. Fred L. Innes has been seriously ill for over a week with an attack of appendicitis.

For Sale—Ninety foot lot on Gilbert avenue, 275 feet deep, \$800. Enquire at 82 Gilbert avenue.

Mrs. H. W. Dutton of Des Moines, is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Graves.

James P. Mitchell will take a crowd of young people to Eden Ellyn Saturday on a picnic excursion.

Two of Sofus Browning's sons left Monday for Idaho where they will make their home with their brother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cole of Boston arrived Sunday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. D. O. Cole and other relatives.

W. J. Nelson, a former resident here, died at his home in Hinsdale of typhoid fever last Saturday. The funeral was held Monday.

Mertz & Mochel have added two new wagons to their delivery equipment—one for coal and the other a light express vehicle.

Mrs. C. E. Graves went to Glen Ellyn Monday to attend the funeral of an uncle who died in Iowa and was taken there for burial.

Downers Grove Fair will close on Saturday, July 4, at 10 a. m., to remain closed for the day. There will be no delivery on that day.

Miss Edith Graham accompanied by Miss Grace Otis of Chicago, will leave Friday for the Yellowstone Park where they will spend two weeks.

Now is the time to buy summer millinery at reduced prices. Will close at 6:30 during the month of July. Miss Goodspeed, 3d floor bank building.

The C. E. society has had several requests for good literature. If you have any magazines or books you can spare kindly leave them at the church Sunday or next Wednesday evening.

C. M. Liljedahl who formerly conducted a business at East Grove, later succeeding Wm. Reinke at Hinsdale has been compelled to seek larger quarters and has leased the west store in the Bucholz block.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Sucher and daughter of Iowa, Kansas, who have been visiting for two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Aldrich, left yesterday to visit relatives in Iowa before returning to their home.

Jesse Wells writes from Canton, Ohio, to renew his subscription to the REPORTER and says every week finds him anxiously awaiting the paper for news of his many old friends here where he made his home for so many years. He sends his best wishes to all his friends here.

The Hinsdale Doings published the assessment list of Downers Grove township last week. Every piece of real estate in the township is listed together with the names of all personal property owners. The value after each description is one-fifth the actual cash value and upon this the taxes are calculated.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graves went to Glen Ellyn Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Graves brother who died suddenly in Iowa last Saturday and was brought to Glen Ellyn for burial. Although an invalid his death was unexpected as he was not considered in a critical condition and had visited here a few weeks ago.

A woman, whose name could not be learned, was almost run down by an east bound fast train at the depot yesterday morning. The woman stood on the track watching the train approach and paid no attention to the cries of bystanders. The engineer of the train whistled and applied the brakes. Just as the bystanders looked to see her ground to pieces beneath the wheels she stepped from the track escaping death by the barest margin.

Watermelons at Gerwig's. National Light oil at Naah's. All kinds of fire works at Rang's. Additional local news on fifth page. The barber shops will close at noon Saturday.

For personal loans call on W. H. Barnhart. The postoffice closes at ten o'clock on the Fourth.

Mrs. L. Dancaster will spend the 4th with her sister at Chenoa, Ill. A. H. Radke and family were the guests of S. F. Haggler over Sunday.

Henry Spiegler of Elgin spent several days with S. F. Haller this week. The Knights of Pythias held their semi-annual installation of officers last night.

A. E. Courtright visited his father, H. P. Courtright, at Fowler, Ind., over Sunday.

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John Ward of Chicago visited friends and looked after his property interests here last Saturday.

Miss Lillian Dawes graduated from the LaGrange high school with the class of 1903, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Fenton of Chicago were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hodler last Friday.

Our genial friend and former fellow townsman, Chas. Commons, favored us with a pleasant call last Friday.

Prof. and Mrs. O. M. Searles left last night for Boston to attend the National Educational association meeting.

Hinsdale will celebrate the Fourth in a good old fashioned manner Saturday. Games, races and fireworks will be features.

W. C. Bonnell has opened a lunch counter in connection with his cigar store where meals are served at all hours.

D. G. Graham will be in his office Saturday, July 4, for the transaction of pension business as it is the quarterly "pension day."

Mrs. Law F. Edwards gave a luncheon Monday in honor of Miss L. Russell of Chicago, who is visiting Miss Etta Joray on Lincoln avenue.

The Downers Grove Furniture company will put in electric lights and work a night force in order to supply their rapidly increasing orders.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawes returned Thursday from attending the annual commencement exercises of the college at Ripon, Wis., Mr. Dawes alma mater.

Walter Scott Bryan was at the stock yards last Thursday buying steers for his pasture, which were never better. He has many horses coming out this and next week.

Dr. W. A. Tope accompanied by his son and daughter and George Nargay left Friday for Ohio where the children will spend the summer with relatives. The doctor will return this week.

A valuable two-year-old bay horse was stolen Monday night from Mr. Eichhorst, a farmer at Gregg. The animal was in the pasture when taken. It has not been recovered nor has any clue of the thief been discovered.

The Downers Grove base ball team defeated the Nebraska boys nine last Saturday on Downers' field by a score of 19 to 13. Batteries, Downers Grove—Palmer, Wiss and Duncan. Nebraska—Hagensack, Jarrett and Smith.

What could be a handsomer or more acceptable present for wife or daughter than a Stranbe piano. E. Herzberg sells splendid instruments either for cash or on time at reasonable prices. For quality of tone or beauty of finish they are unexcelled.

Doubleless passers by on Main street last Monday evening thought Miss Edith Graham was becoming anxious to give vent to her Fourth of July patriotism, judging by the monstrous illumination on the lawn late in the evening. However this was the occasion of a patriotic social given in connection with a business meeting of the C. E. society. Among the interesting features of the evening was a guessing contest for which John Gray won the prize. The "fire cracker hunt" the prize for which was won by Miss Ina Hall, proved to be quite exciting and the temptation to shoot the fire cracker was evidently too great to resist. No one was too seriously injured to partake of the refreshments, and all agreed on the success of the social. Now if the social committee can only agree to make themselves conspicuous by announcing a hay rack party in the near future, they may cover themselves with glory, as well as have an opportunity to lengthen their report at the next business meeting.

BACK PAVEMENT FOR MAIN STREET.

Board of Local Improvement Still Firm For Brick After Public Hearing.

But little interest was taken in the public hearing Monday night called by the board of local improvement on the Main street paving matter. As a result the board formally adopted a resolution deciding on brick for the paving of Main street from Warren avenue to Maple avenue. An ordinance providing for the improvement will be passed by the village board of trustees at the regular meeting next Monday night. Commissioners will also be appointed to spread the assessment after which the assessment must be confirmed by the county court. When these steps have been taken bonds for the work will be issued and the contract will be let. The total estimated cost of the paving, including curb and gutter together with engineer's fees, court costs and the cost of levying and collecting the assessment is \$12,706.06 to be spread over a period of ten years.

At the meeting Monday evening a petition was presented from some of the property owners on the southern portion of the street requesting the board to change the plans from brick to macadam from the creek south. J. A. Clifford, D. C. Stanley, Geo. Bateman, Geo. Diener and John Stanley were present and urged this plan for the reason that the expense would be lighter. The matter was discussed exhaustively between the board and the gentlemen named relative to the cost, durability and cleanliness of the two improvements. The principal feature of the discussion, however, was upon the cost and it was figured out that the difference in the amounts each property owner must pay annually would be comparatively slight between the two materials. The result was that the gentlemen named came to the view of the board that brick would be the better material for a business street.

CASS ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wilson and baby of Chicago spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reader. Mrs. Elmer Oldfield and children and Mrs. Ira Heartt and children spent Tuesday with Mrs. Harry Gregory. Mrs. John Brown and children of Downers Grove spent a few days last week with Elmer Oldfield and family. The thirteen-year-old son of John Pintowski, living on the middle road, was drowned while bathing in the DesPlaines river Friday. Burial was made Sunday at Lemont. The barn raising on Irving G. Heartt's farm Monday was a success. Peter Johnson has charge of the work. Miss Lillian Keating and Miss Francis Powell of Chicago spending their vacation with the family of Chas. Oldfield. Geo. Davey who has been quite ill is slowly improving. Harry Gregory says he is pleased to have it rain; it makes the cows give more milk. Thos. Leonard of Chicago, and Miss May Jarman of Star City, Ind., are spending a few days at Geo. Littleford's.

ROCKFORD CHAUTAUQUA.

The Rockford Chautauqua will hold its second annual assembly, August 12-26. A program covering the 14 days, a copy of which was recently received, assures a most enjoyable and profitable experience to all who shall have the pleasure of attending this gathering. The Rockford Chautauqua was organized last year and its first assembly held in August, 1902, was a record breaker for first year assemblies. The assembly is held at Harlem park, adjoining the city, quickly and conveniently reached by street car and steamers. A splendid auditorium having a seating capacity of 5,000 has been erected at a cost of \$10,000, a dining hall 40x100, toilet rooms, class rooms, etc., in abundance. Pure water is piped to all parts of the park. The program includes a list of popular lectures, entertainments, sermons, music, stereopticon lectures, moving pictures, concerts, etc. Schools, classes and clubs will also be conducted.

ALMOST LYNCH A LEMONT NEGRO.

Joe Johnson, a demented colored man was tried in the Will county court Monday and ordered sent to Kankakee. Last Friday night Johnson went into the home of Mrs. Frank Zolecki, near Lemont. The neighborhood was aroused and a mob of men and women chased Johnson, intent on lynching him. He took refuge in a tree, but revolvers were fired among the branches and he was dislodged. He was clubbed and beaten, but made a fight and managed to escape. He was found exhausted next morning on a farm and hurried to Joliet for safe keeping.

The Burlington will sail round trip tickets on account of July 4th within a radius of 200 miles at one fare and one-third for the round trip. On sale July 2 and 4. Good returning until and including July 6.

Past Golden Mile Stone

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. W. Aldrich Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary.

Score of Guests are Entertained, a Number of Whom Attended Original Wedding in Milton Fifty Years Ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Aldrich, each past the allotted three score years and ten, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home, 102 North Main street, last Monday. With them in doing honor to the day which fifty years of married life were rounded off, were scores of relatives and friends many of them life long and some few who were present when the original ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents in Milton township half a century ago. The reception was held from two until five o'clock and was one of those pleasant occasions whose occurrences are a rarity. The house was prettily decorated with flowers in profusion and the weather was everything that could be desired. The day was joyously spent by everyone present.

Coming to DuPage county when children, both the descendants of its pioneer settlers, Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich are both familiar with its early history and readily recall the time when the Indians roamed through the forests and over the plains of what now is a highly civilized part of the world.

Mr. Aldrich was the son of Horace Aldrich and was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, February 26, 1853. He came here with his parents in 1864, settling on the farm which lies west of the village on the plank road. Horace Aldrich secured the land by government patent and through him descending to the son who still owns it.

Harriett Dodge Aldrich was born in Williamsville, New York, March 4, 1855, and was the daughter of Horace Dodge, who came here in 1856, and was prominent in the early history of Milton township. He also secures his farm from the government and it is still held by the Dodge family and has been in charge of the same tenant for 35 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich were married on the Dodge homestead in Milton township June 29, 1878. They came to the Aldrich farm on the plank road where they passed all the years of their married life until moving to the village eight years ago. Judge Hiram H. Cody was then county clerk and issued the marriage license saying as he laughingly delivered it, "If you don't find this satisfactory return it and the fee will be refunded." Mr. Aldrich says he never had occasion to demand a return of the fee.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich were the parents of six children, three of whom are now living. Geo. C. R. Sucher of Iowa, Kansas, Horace and Theodosia Aldrich of Downers Grove, and these were present on the anniversary. Many handsome gifts in gold, silver and other glass were presented. Dr. H. O. Dodge of Boulder, Colo., sent his gift in a unique setting. It was a common pill box with directions on the cover which read, "Take one when needed." Inside were ten bright five-dollar gold pieces.

Among the guests present were Mrs. H. J. Trevor, Mrs. Sarah Irwin and daughter, Mrs. Julia Willard, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bracken and son, of Wheaton; Mr. and Mrs. John Duck and Wm. Carpenter, Elgin; Mrs. H. O. Dodge and daughter of Boulder, Colo.; Mrs. E. A. Blodgett, Chicago; James McKee and Miss Marion Bird, Warrenville, General Vial, Miss Sarah North, LaGrange; Mrs. E. M. Walker, Aurora; Mrs. J. W. Webster, Edna L. Webster, Mrs. J. L. Shannon, Mrs. B. W. Irvine, Mrs. John Hall, Mrs. Wm. Evernden, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson H. Webster and daughter of Hinsdale; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Sucher and daughter of Iowa, Kansas. Downers Grove guests were Messrs. and Madams T. S. J. W. and F. A. Rogers, J. W. Tucker, C. J. Maercker, C. R. I. F. and C. P. Blodgett, E. O. Stanley, Horace Aldrich and children; Madams J. H. Howe, Kate Burner, Hannah E. Strong, Josephine Goodspeed, Laura A. Curtis, Harriett Winslow; Messrs. F. A. Burner, Harry L. Blodgett, E. H. Downer, Frank Spohr; Misses Cora Blodgett, Gertrude Gibb, Mary Spohr, Helen Stover, Harriett Strong, Elizabeth Strong, Ethel Jewel, Theodosia Aldrich.

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